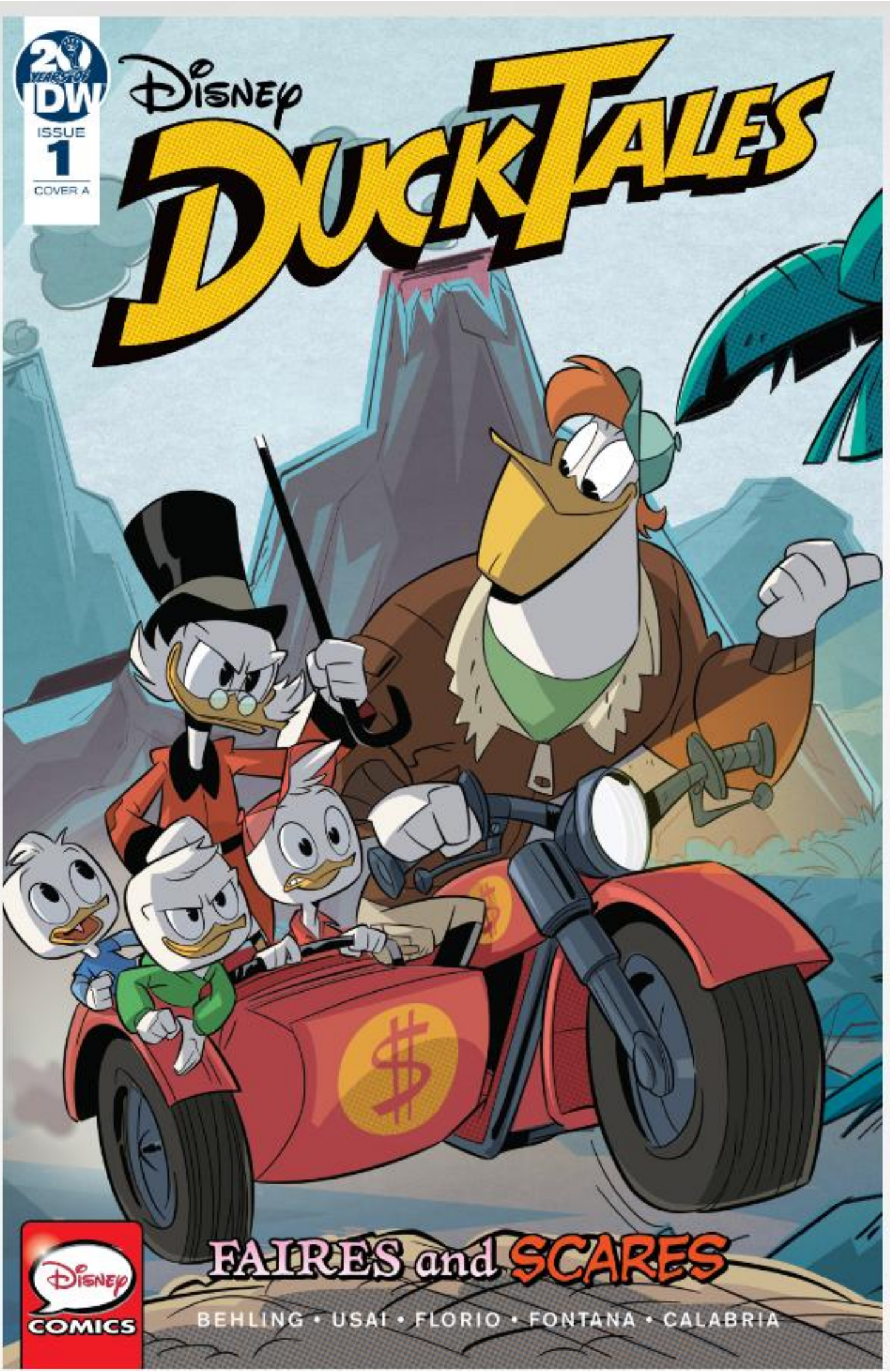
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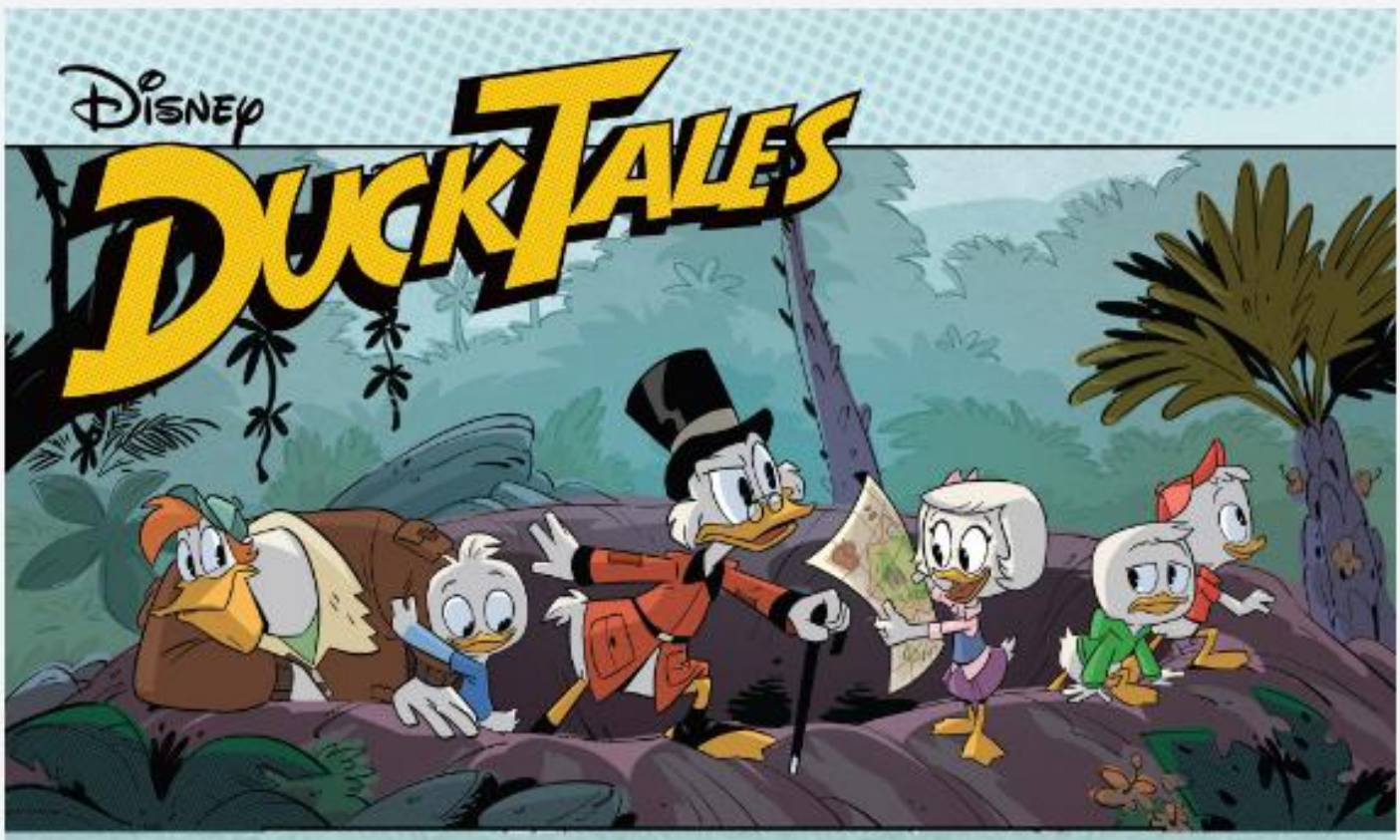
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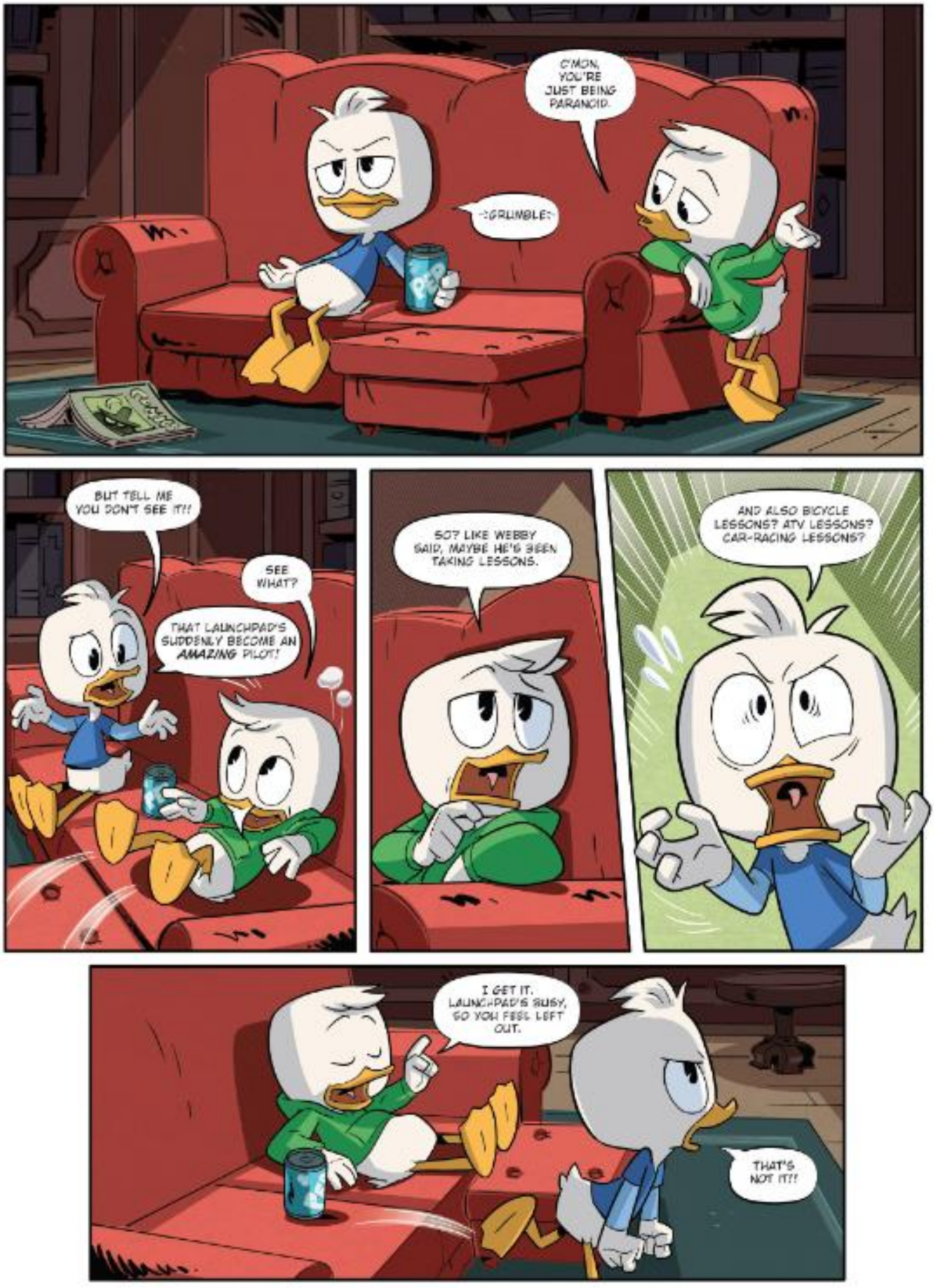
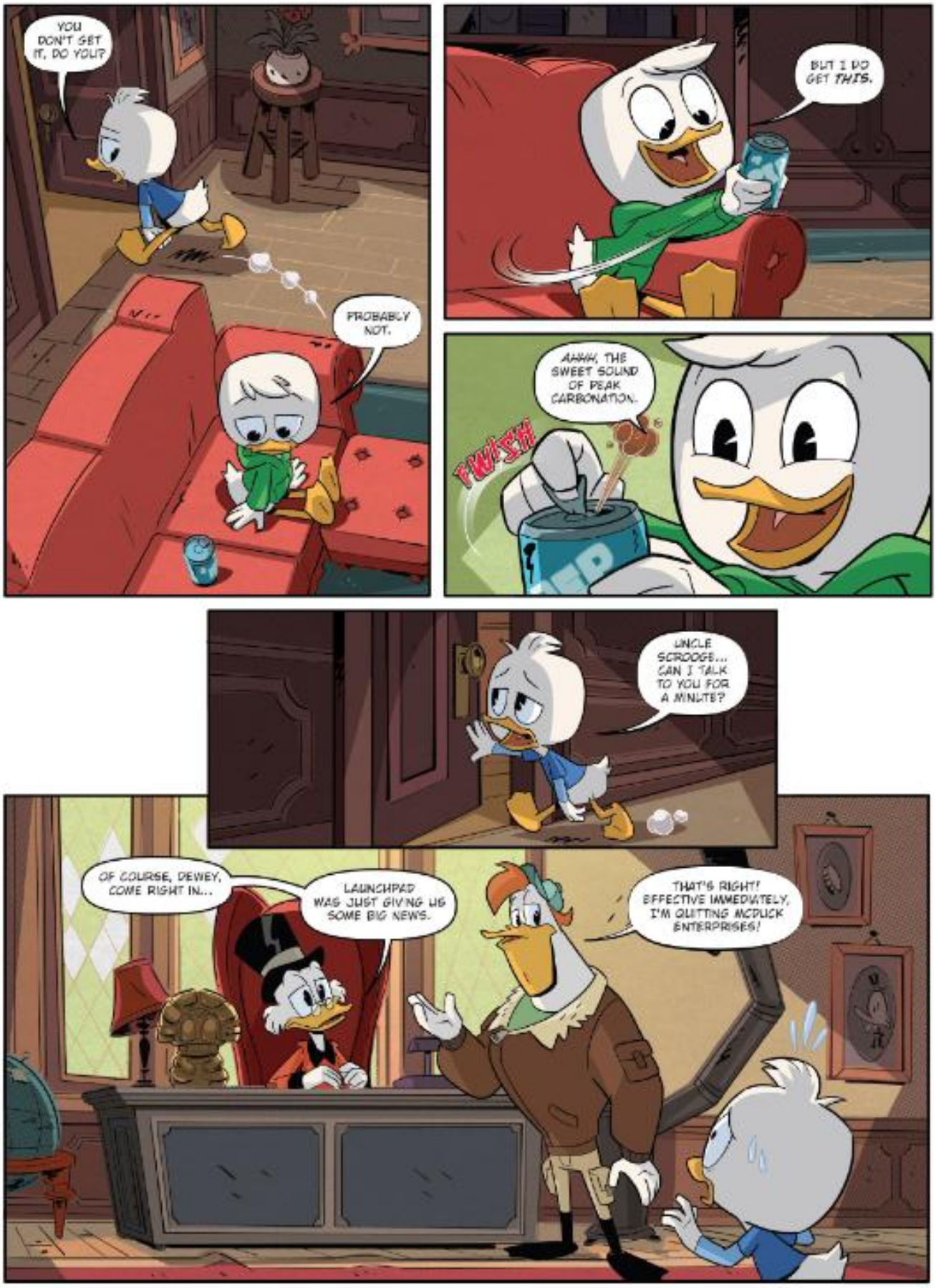
WILL THE REAL LAUNCHPAD PLEASE STAND UP?

A HALF-HOUR LATER...
WHERE COULD HE BE?
HERE I AM! LAUNCHPAD!
A PILOT!
ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE, BUCKLE UP FOR SAFETY!
FOR... EXCUSE ME, WHAT DID HE JUST SAY?
IT SOUNDED LIKE A WORD I'VE NEVER HEARD HIM USE BEFORE.
UH... YES, DO WHAT YOU THINK BEST.
I DETECTED SOME TURBULENCE, SO WE'RE GOING TO ASCEND TO AVOID IT.
AFTER ALL, WE DON'T WANT TO HAVE A BUMPY FLIGHT!

FIRST TIME WE'VE EVER FLOWN ABOVE A STORM...
RRRUMBLE
SO THAT'S WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE!
A FEW HOURS LATER...
SORRY FOR THE ROUGH LANDING!
WHERE'D HE LEARN TO LAND A PLANE LIKE THAT?
HOW'D HE LEARN TO LAND A PLANE LIKE THAT?
SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH LAUNCHPAD.
MAYBE HE'S BEEN TAKING FLYING LESSONS?
YEAH, THAT SOUNDED WRONG THE MINUTE I SAID IT.


C'MON, YOU'RE JUST BEING PARANOID.
:GRUMBLE:
BUT TELL ME YOU DON'T SEE IT!!
SEE WHAT?
THAT LAUNCHPAD'S SUDDENLY BECOME AN *AMAZING* PILOT!
SO? LIKE WEBBY SAID, MAYBE HE'S BEEN TAKING LESSONS.
AND ALSO BICYCLE LESSONS? ATV LESSONS? CAR-RACING LESSONS?
I GET IT. LAUNCHPAD'S BUSY, SO YOU FEEL LEFT OUT.
THAT'S NOT IT!!


YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?
PROBABLY NOT.
BUT I DO GET THIS.
AAHH, THE SWEET SOUND OF PEAK CARBONATION.
FWISH
UNCLE SCROOGE... CAN I TALK TO YOU FOR A MINUTE?
OF COURSE, DEWEY, COME RIGHT IN...
LAUNCHPAD WAS JUST GIVING US SOME BIG NEWS.
THAT'S RIGHT! EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, I'M QUITTING MCDUCK ENTERPRISES!

WHAT??? NO!!!!
I'M OFF TO IMPRESS THE WORLD WITH MY SPEED! SO LONG, AND THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!
WE'RE ALL SAD TO SEE LAUNCHPAD GO, BUT IT'S FOR THE BEST!
HOW CAN YOU JUST LET HIM GO??
DEWFORD...
IT'S HARD WHEN SOMEONE WE CARE ABOUT LEAVES.
BUT WE HAVE TO LET PEOPLE DO THE THINGS THEY NEED TO DO.
TRUST ME. I KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE JUST GOING TO TAKE THIS!
THAT'S NOT LAUNCHPAD— AND I'M GONNA PROVE IT!

SOON...
HAMMER HAMMER HAMMER
THAT DOESN'T SOUND GOOD.
NOPE.
WHAT... IS... THAT?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
NOPE.
IT'S A LIE DETECTOR!
A LIE DETECTOR?
A LIE DETECTOR!
THAT IS AN OLD COMPUTER HOOKED UP TO A WAFFLE IRON.
I NEED JUST ONE MORE PIECE. THEN I CAN PROVE THAT LAUNCHPAD ISN'T LAUNCHPAD!
DEWEY, WAIT!
NOW I WANT WAFFLES.
DO WE HAVE ANY BAKING SODA???
WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE IT IS?
HMMM...

SPLAT
WHAT IS GOING ON???
OH, HELLO THERE!
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME OF WHATEVER THAT IS?
HAS EVERYONE JUST LOST IT?!?
LOST WHAT, DEW—
OH BOY.

WOULD SOMEONE CARE TO EXPLAIN WHAT'S GOING ON?
I WISH SOMEBODY WOULD!
PERHAPS I CAN...
CRACK
AS YOU HAVE DISCOVERED, WE ARE NOT WHO WE APPEAR TO BE...
...BUT INSTEAD...
...SOMETHING ELSE ALTOGETHER!
WELL, THIS IS UNUSUAL.
WE APOLOGIZE FOR CAUSING ANY DISTURBANCE!

YOU SEE, WE LIVE ON THAT UNCHARTED ISLAND YOU WERE EXPLORING!
WELL, IT'S MOSTLY CHARTED NOW.
*WE'VE COME HERE IN SEARCH OF OUR MISSING COUSIN! HE WANTED TO SEE WHAT LIFE WAS LIKE OUTSIDE OF OUR MOSTLY CHARTED ISLAND PARADISE!
...OF YOUR FRIEND LAUNCHPAD!
*SO WE ASSUMED THE FORM...
SO... *LAUNCHPAD* IS REALLY YOUR COUSIN?
BUT WHAT ABOUT **OUR** LAUNCHPAD? THE **REAL** ONE???

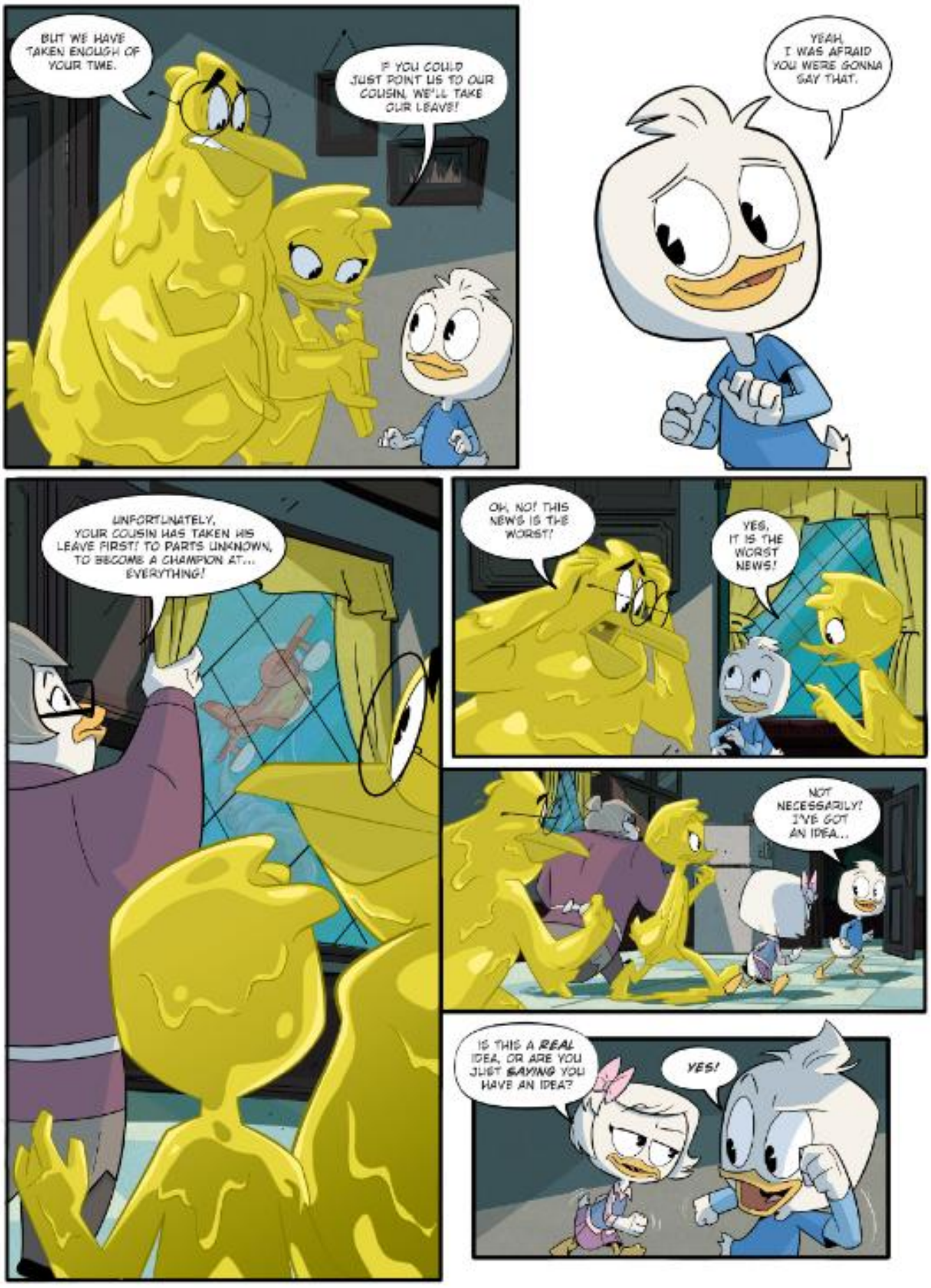
HE'S PERFECTLY FINE!
HE WANTED TO STAY BEHIND TO MEET OUR FELLOW SHAPE-SHIFTERS AND EXPLORE OUR UNDERGROUND WORLD!

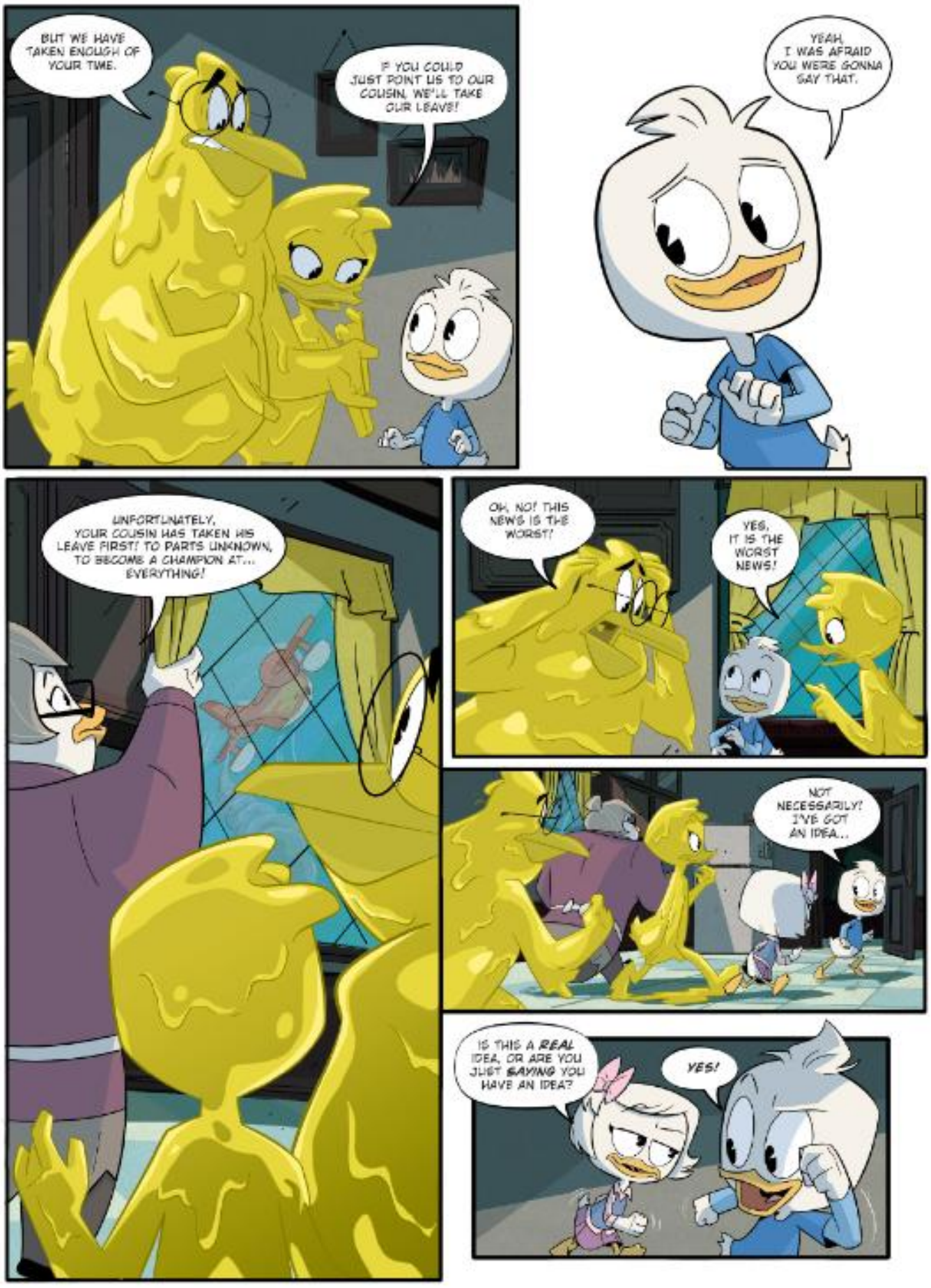
BUT HOW'D YOUR COUSIN GET SO GOOD AT FLYING?
AND DRIVING? AND RACING?
OH, THAT'S EASY— VIDEO GAMES!

VIDEO GAMES? IN YOUR UNDERGROUND WORLD?
WE HAVE SURPRISINGLY GOOD WI-FI.

DO YOU THINK LAUNCHPAD'S OKAY?
I'M SURE HE'S MAKING THE MOST OF IT.

I TOTALLY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I JUST DID!


BUT WE HAVE TAKEN ENOUGH OF YOUR TIME.
IF YOU COULD JUST POINT US TO OUR COUSIN, WE'LL TAKE OUR LEAVE!
YEAH, I WAS AFRAID YOU WERE GONNA SAY THAT.
UNFORTUNATELY, YOUR COUSIN HAS TAKEN HIS LEAVE FIRST! TO PARTS UNKNOWN, TO BECOME A CHAMPION AT... EVERYTHING!
OH, NO! THIS NEWS IS THE WORST!
YES, IT IS THE WORST NEWS!
NOT NECESSARILY! I'VE GOT AN IDEA...
IS THIS A REAL IDEA, OR ARE YOU JUST SAYING YOU HAVE AN IDEA?
YES!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A FEW MINUTES LATER...
AND WHERE ARE WE GOING, EXACTLY?
BEFORE "LAUNCHPAD" LEFT, HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT IMPRESSING THE WORLD WITH HIS SPEED...
IMPRESSING THE WORLD WITH HIS SPEED, YOU SAY?
I DID. I DID SAY!
THEN I THINK I KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE IN MIND!
ISN'T THIS EXCITING?
YES! I'M BEGINNING TO SEE WHY OUR COUSIN DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE!
BUT... HOW CAN WE CONVINCE HIM TO COME HOME WITH US?
HMMM...

WORLD LAND-SPEED RECORD CHALLENGE TODAY
YOUR COUSIN HAS TO BE HERE!
BUT WHERE IS HE?
YES, WHERE IS HE?
I THINK I MIGHT HAVE FOUND HIM!
THAT WAS AMAZING!
THE BEST DRIVING I'VE EVER SEEN!
THE FASTEST, TOO!
THAT WAS JUST THE TRIAL— WAIT UNTIL THE REAL RACE!

COUSIN, IT IS US!
COME HOME! WE MISS YOU!
ON YOUR MARK... GET SET...
"GO!"
WE MUST SPEAK WITH HIM!
BUT HOW?
I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
WE SEEM TO HAVE A LATE ADDITION TO TODAY'S RACE...
DID YOU KNOW THE LIMO COULD GO THIS FAST?
WITH GRANNY AT THE WHEEL? IT DOESN'T SURPRISE ME!

HEY, NOT-LAUNCHPAD —YOU NEED TO STOP!
STOP? WHY WOULD I STOP?
I'M HAVING THE TIME OF MY LIFE!
WE MISS YOU, COUSIN!
COME HOME!
BUT... BUT...
LOOK, YOUR COUSINS MISS YOU.
AND I MISS MY FRIEND, THE REAL LAUNCHPAD!

SOON...
WHERE'D HE GO?
OH, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT...
MAYBE HE DOESN'T CARE.
I'M SO SORRY, MY COUSINS! I DID NOT KNOW HOW MUCH I MISSED YOU UNTIL NOW!
WILL YOU COME HOME WITH US?
OF COURSE!

SO...
YOU'RE BACK!!
OF COURSE! I COULDN'T STAY AWAY FOR TOO LONG, I MISSED YOU GUYS!
I KINDA MISSED YOU, TOO.
RACE YOU TO THE COUCH!
-AHEM!- AREN'T YOU FORGETTING SOMETHING, YOUNG MAN?
LIKE WHAT?
"THE HORRENDOUS MESS IN THE KITCHEN?"
I'M SURE THIS WOULDA WORKED IF I HAD SOME BAKING SODA.
The End